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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1899.

TOWN DEBT.

Jacob Whittemore, note dated April 6, 1894, for \$200, interest at 4 per cent,	\$200 00
Jacob Whittemore, note dated June 1, 1895, for \$500, interest at 4 1-2 per cent,	500 00
Interest on above up to Feb. 15, 1899,	22 31
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	\$722 31

EXPENDITURES.

State Tax,	\$527 00
County Tax,	685 70
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	\$1212 70

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

G. B. Griffin's bill of groceries for J. T. Lydston, not presented until after last year's settle- ment,	\$11 33
G. B. Griffin's bill this year, paid by the county,	22 64

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Balance due from town from last year,	\$ 32 00
Money raised,	620 00
Literary fund,	25 20
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	\$677 20

Orders drawn for Treasurer of district,	\$180 00
“ “ “ “ “ “	200 00
“ “ “ “ “ “	200 00
“ “ “ Literary fund,	25 20
“ “ “ Hudson district,	19 00
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	\$624 20
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	\$53 00

Tax raised for repairs of school houses,	\$50 00
Order drawn for Z. K. Whittemore,	\$50 00

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

First term,	\$ 5 14
Second term,	11 95
Third term,	7 03
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	\$24 12
Orders drawn for C. W. Barnes,	\$24 12

TOWN CHARGES.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Charles W. Barnes, Board of Health,	\$ 12 14
P. B. Annis, sexton for 1897,	12 00
Telegraph Publishing Co. Town Reports,	19 50
John Lefavor, sexton service,	2 00
C. W. Barnes, collector 1897,	30 00
W. H. Quimby, guide boards,	3 00
C. W. Barnes, paid insurance,	26 50
Peter Jacobs, work in cemetery,	3 50
James Butterfield,	11 25
P. B. Annis, shingles and nails,	25 30
Frank Annis, drawing shingles,	1 25
John L. Senter, damage to sheep,	20 00
J. A. Marsh, fare and expense to Concord,	2 00
J. P. Newell, library appropriation,	37 20
James Butterfield, shingling Town house,	8 75
Proctor Brothers, shingles " "	29 00
G. M. Reid, keeping four tramps,	3 00
E. O. Putnam, keeping three tramps and nails,	2 85
J. A. Marsh, tramps, stationery, stamps, etc.,	3 00
C. W. Barnes, census of school children,	3 00
A. H. Powers, bill of books and stationery,	3 85
M. A. Durant, constable,	3 00
James Butterfield, mail and express, ballot box,	1 50
M. M. Campbell, pine finish, Town house,	1 08
Zoe Whittemore, two notes and interest,	640 60
Jacob Whittemore, one year's interest on his two notes, \$500 and \$200,	30 50
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	\$935 77

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

C. H. McQuesten, Agent.

Winter charges paid in in March, 1898,		
in excess of tax raised,		\$139 85
Tax raised,		\$545 86
Orders paid,	\$25 00	
“ “	263 74	
“ “	89 89	
“ “	93 94	
“ “	9 85	
“ “	63 44	
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		\$685 71

SALARIES.

A. H. Powers, town clerk and auditor,	\$13 00
M. M. Campbell, treasurer,	10 00
J. A. Marsh, selectman,	28 00
G. M. Reid, “	25 00
E. O. Putnam, “	20 00
Z. K. Whittemore, supervisor,	6 00
D. R. Leach, “	5 00
F. H. Holden, “	4 00
J. A. Reid, auditor,	1 00
P. B. Annis, sexton,	10 00
Jennie F. Center, librarian,	26 00
Z. K. Whittemore, school board,	25 00
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	\$173 00

ABATEMENTS

In favor of C. W. Barnes, collector.

Estate Rufus Saunders, over valuation,	\$1 72
G. F. Trask, tax for 1897,	1 37
James Millett, " " "	1 15
C. G. White, tax for 1897, over 70 years old,	1 15
H. F. Averill, " " "	1 15
J. Howard, " " " taxed in Hudson,	1 73
Elbridge Pike, " " 1892 and '93, over 70 years,	1 27
N. C. Griffin Co., error in copying,	5 00

 \$14 54

RECEIPTS.

Mechanics Savings Bank book,	\$211 16
Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1898,	\$217 40
Uncollected taxes,	283 30
Ten per cent interest,	6 99
Dog licenses,	36 00
From state railroad tax,	102 87
" savings bank "	661 70
" literary fund,	25 20
Janitor,	2 00
Taxes collected,	2,236 90
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	\$3,572 36
Less Ed Berry's tax for 1897, abated,	1 15
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	\$3,571 21
Whole amount of taxes raised,	\$2,611 62

EXPENDITURES.

State tax,	\$527 00
County tax,	685 70
Pauper expenses,	11 33
Schools,	\$624 20
Schoolhouse repairs,	50 00
School supplies,	24 12
Salaries of town officers,	173 00
Miscellaneous town charges,	935 77
Highways,	685 71
Abatements,	14 54
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	\$3,731 37
Less orders drawn, but not paid,	183 20
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	\$3,548 17

SUMMARY.

LIABILITIES FEB. 15, 1899.

Notes and interest outstanding,	\$722 31
Orders drawn and not paid,	183 20
Due school district,	53 00
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	\$958 51

ASSETS.

Cash in treasury,	\$ 23 03
Uncollected taxes,	344 29
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	\$367 32

Total indebtedness of the town Feb. 15, 1899, \$591 19
 J. A. MARSH, } *Selectmen*
 G. M. REID, } *of*
 E. O. PUTNAM, } *Litchfield.*

LITCHFIELD, N. H., Feb. 15, 1899.

We have examined the foregoing account of the Selectmen and find the same correctly cast and well vouched.

A. H. POWERS, } *Auditors.*
 J. A. REID, }

REPORT OF HIGHWAY AGENT.

CHARLES H. McQUESTEN, Highway Agent.

Dr.

To cash from town by winter expenses, \$139 85
1898. Cr.

Paid James Corning,	\$ 45
C. W. Leach,	30
George M. Reid,	12 00
J. A. Reid,	7 25
N. C. Griffin,	3 25
C. H. Chase,	2 70
D. S. Leach,	9 00
D. R. Leach,	1 20
F. S. Bancroft,	8 00
Henry Annis,	3 45
Fred McQuesten,	1 00
James Butterfield,	3 00
A. H. Powers,	60
George Annis,	4 50
E. O. Putnam,	1 75
M. M. Campbell,	5 20
Charles Barnes,	9 15
F. L. Center,	1 20

Paid R. Shephard,	\$ 5 40
J. L. Senter,	23 60
A. P. Keyes,	13 75
I. N. Center,	75
C. H. McQuesten,	10 10
A. J. Pike,	45
Frank Holden,	8 15
James Barrett,	30
Arthur Barton,	12 55
Amos Saunders,	80
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	\$139 85

Summer Expenses.

Paid James Corning,	\$11 55
George M. Reid,	53 20
J. A. Reid,	44 60
E. Pike,	5 00
A. J. Pike,	3 60
Fred McQuesten,	30 25
A. H. Powers,	24 69
Henry Putnam,	3 00
M. M. Campbell,	32 30
Amos Saunders,	10 42
Mark Campbell,	11 85
Fred Barrett,	2 25
A. P. Keyes,	3 50
Lorenzo Hardy,	9 85
Albert Davis,	4 00

Paid L. Harris	\$ 1 00
Peter Jacobs,	5 16
Aaron Cutler,	5 05
P. A. Goodwin,	1 80
Frank Annis,	1 00
C. H. Chase,	11 60
D. S. Leach,	11 25
F. S. Bancroft,	30 25
James McQuesten,	4 30
Samuel Kendall,	3 70
I. N. Center,	35
E. O. Putnam,	17 10
George Annis,	31 55
Frank Holden,	12 16
Waldo Goodspeed,	11 56
Charles Barnes,	12 50
R. Shepard,	12 60
John Lefavor,	6 44
George Trask,	1 20
J. A. Marsh,	1 90
J. L. Senter,	11 50
Charles Bancroft,	1 50
Clinton Leach,	2 30
James Butterfield,	4 50
John Wilson,	75
C. H. McQuesten,	92 78

\$545 88

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Matthew M. Campbell, treasurer, in account with the town
of Litchfield, N. H., for the year ending February
15, 1899 :

Mechanics Bank in account with the town of Litchfield,
\$211 16.

1898.	Dr.	
Feb. 15.	Cash in treasury,	\$217 40
Nov. 8.	Received of C. W. Barnes, collector, 1897,	282 15
Nov. 8.	Received of C. W. Barnes, interest,	6 99
June	“ “ A. H. Powers, license of dogs,	36 00
Dec. 10.	“ “ Savings bank tax,	661 70
“ 10.	“ “ Railroad tax,	102 87
“ 10.	“ “ Literary fund,	25 20
	“ “ use of Town hall,	2 00
Feb. 15.	“ from C. W. Barnes, collector for 1898,	2,236 90
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		\$3,571 21

Cr.

Cash paid selectmen's orders,	\$3,438 18
“ “ part of school order,	110 00
“ in treasury Feb. 15, 1899,	23 03
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	\$3,571 21

Respectfully submitted,

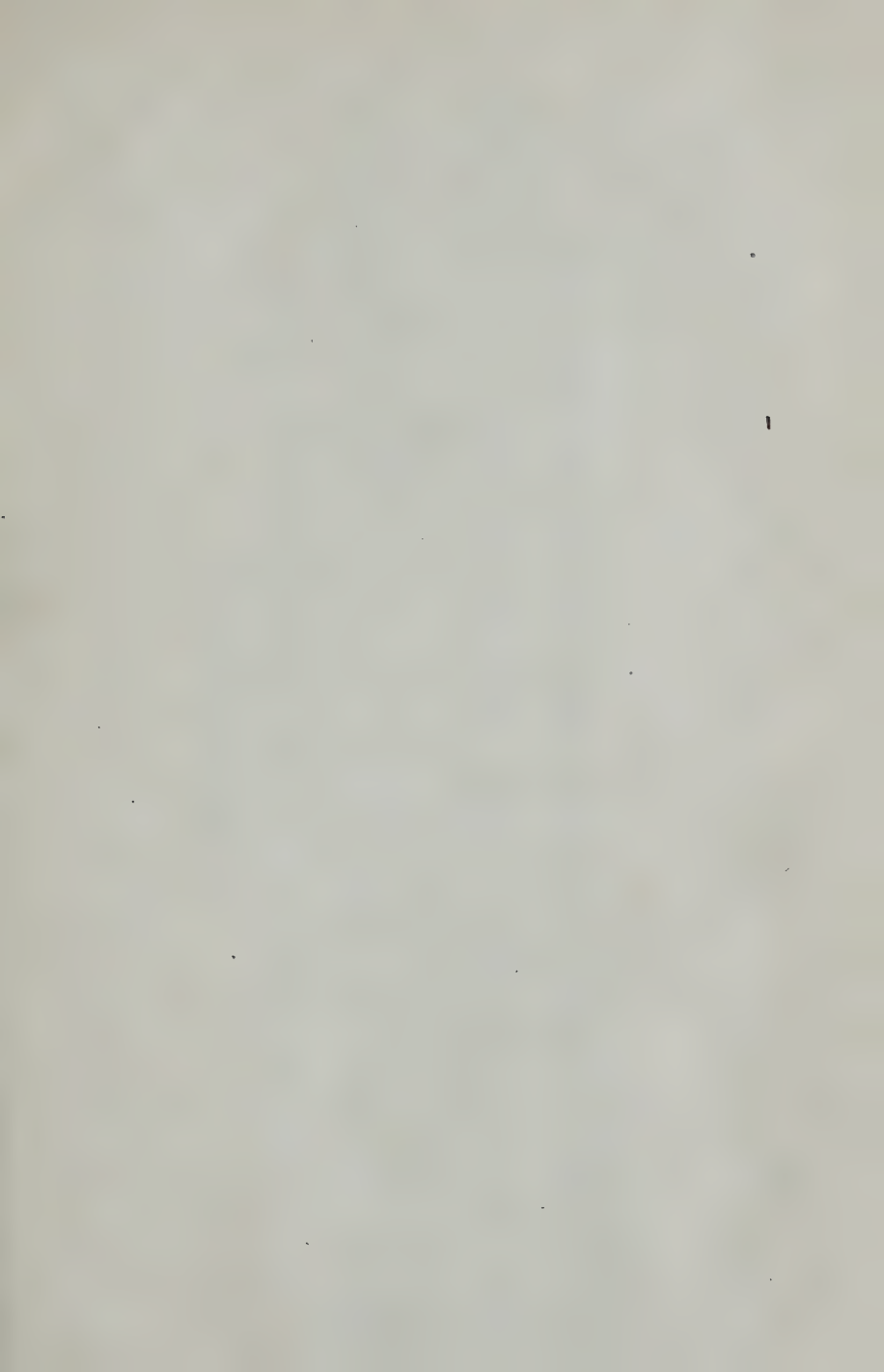
MATTHEW M. CAMPBELL,

Treasurer.

LITCHFIELD, N. H., Feb. 15, 1899.

We have this day examined the accounts of the treasurer and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

A. H. POWERS, }
 J. A. REID, } *Auditors.*



BIRTHS

Recorded in the Town of Litchfield for the year ending, December 31, 1898.

Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Name of the Child (if any.)	Sex and Condition.			Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents		Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.*	Age of Mother*
			Male or Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of Child, 1st, 2d, &c.	Color.									
June 13	Litchfield	Eugene Guy Haight	M	L	5	W	Clarence M. Haight	Ella Sturdevant	W	Litchfield	Milk Col't'r	Middlebury N. Haven, Vt.		42	43

*At last birthday.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. H. POWERS, Town Clerk.

MARRIAGES

Recorded in the town of Litchfield for the year ending December 31, 1898.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage.	Age of Each in years.	Color of Each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation	Times Married	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom Marr'd
May 14	Litchfield, N. H.	Arthur D. Leach. Edith Emma Reid.	Litchfield, N. H. Merrimack, N. H.	25 23	W W	Stockfitter Stitcher	Litchfield, N. H. Merrimack, N. H.	David R. Leach John G. Reid	Goffstown, N. H. Merrimack, N. H.	Farmer Painter	1 1	John P. Newell, Clergyman, Litchfield, N. H.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. H. POWERS, Town Clerk.

DEATHS

Recorded in the town of Litchfield for the year ending December 31, 1898.

Date of Death.	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex and Condition.			Occupation.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Disease or Cause of Death.
			Years.	Months	Days.		Male.	Female.	Color.				
Jan. 4	Grasmere	Lydia W. Melvin	50	64	123	Litchfield	F	F	W	Married	William Boutelle	Clarissa Hook	Heart Disease
Jan. 25	Athol, Mass	Mary K. Bruce	70	3		Antrim	F	F	W	"		Nancy Graham	Bright's Disease
Feb. 23	Litchfield	Nancy O. Cutler	68	10		Litchfield	M	F	W	Widowed	Caleb Pike	Elizabeth MacDougall	Gastro Anstomosis
May 22	Milford	Calvin G. Blodgett	64	3	25	Litchfield	M	F	W	Single	Benjamin Gould		Heart Disease
Sept. 11	Litchfield	Martin V. Buren Pike	72	10		Litchfield	M	F	W	Widow			Friehls Disease
Oct. 13	"	Mary E. McQuesten	79	1		Goffstown	M	F	W	Married	Hugh Taggart		Cancer
Dec. 26	"	Alexander Taggart											Angina Pectoris

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. H. POWERS, Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Board of Library Trustees hereby respectfully submits their sixth annual report.

At the beginning of the year the Board was organized by the choice of J. P. Newell as chairman and treasurer and Mrs. Jennie F. Center as librarian and secretary.

The library has been open as usual every Saturday afternoon from three 'till five o'clock, for giving out and receiving books. Since the last report thirty-nine volumes have been added to the library by the trustees and thirty volumes costing \$25, by the Ladies' Social Circle. The whole number of volumes in the library at the present time is 858. A goodly number of the new books have been selected with reference to the wants of our young people and the hope is entertained that they will, while young, acquire the excellent habit of reading good and instructive books, a habit which, when once thoroughly fixed, will go with them through life and be to them a source of constant pleasure as well as improvement and give to them added power and influence in whatever situation they may be placed.

A year ago an arrangement was made with the state librarian, by which books from the state library might be loaned to citizens of Litchfield. As yet we have not taken advantage of the state's offer, but this year we propose to do

so as we think such an arrangement will add essentially to the usefulness of the library. The library has been well patronized during the past year and many of our citizens have availed themselves of the advantages it offers. Others still might wisely follow their example, for the prosperity, standing, and real wealth of any community are measured largely by the general intelligence of the people. The number of volumes loaned during the year is 1136.

While it will be the purpose of the trustees to place in the library the best works of fiction as they are published, yet it seems more and more desirable to place there also books of history, biography and travel, with a few elementary works of practical science. We wish our people, young and old, might read the introduction to a book recently added to the library, entitled "Great Books," by Canon Farrar, for they will find there some excellent suggestions with regard to the habit of reading and the class of books to be read.

We were much pleased that at the last town meeting a sum sufficient to pay for the services of our excellent and efficient librarian was appropriated from the town funds, leaving for the purchase of books the amount required to be raised by law.

During the year the Century and Cosmopolitan Magazines have been donated to the library by the Ladies' Social Circle, McClure's Magazine by Mrs. Jennie F. Center, The Granite State Monthly by Mr. Waldo Goodspeed, The Review of Reviews by J. P. Newell and a book entitled "The Hobblehoy" by Mrs. Belle C. Greene.

J. P. NEWELL,

For the Trustees.

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance left in treasury March 1, 1898,	\$82 81
Whole amount received from town	
treasurer,	624 20
Tax raised for repairs of school house,	50 00
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Total receipts,	\$757 01

DISBURSEMENTS.

From March 1, 1898, to March 1, 1899,	Dist. No. 1
Paid for teachers,	\$180 00
" " care of school house,	5 00
" " fuel,	12 91
" " repairs,	90
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	\$198 81
From March 1, 1898, to March 1, 1899,	Dist. No. 3
Paid for teachers,	\$210 00
" " care of school house,	7 00
" " fuel,	3 75
" " repairs,	10 15
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	\$230 90

From March 1, 1898, to March 1, 1899,	Dist. No. 4
Paid for teachers,	\$180 00
“ “ care of school house,	7 00
“ “ a stove,	5 00
“ “ fuel,	7 00
“ “ repairs,	57 54
	<hr/> \$256 54
Paid town of Hudson,	\$19 00
Total receipts,	\$757 01
Total disbursements,	705 25
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Balance in treasury,	\$51 76
Due from town,	\$53 00
Z. K. WHITEMORE,	
<i>Treasurer.</i>	

LITCHFIELD, N. H., Feb. 15, 1899.

We have examined the foregoing account of the Selectmen and find the same correctly cast and well vouched.

A. H. POWERS, }
J. A. REID, } *Auditors.*

THEASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer of the Library Trustees hereby submits his report.

Dr.

To balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1898,	\$ 4 62
town appropriation for library,	37 20
received of librarian for fines,	25

Total amount received,	\$42 07
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By cash paid for books,	\$38 77
balance on hand Feb. 15, 1899,	3 30

\$42 07

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. NEWELL,

Treasurer.

Litchfield, Feb. 15, 1899.

